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Police Find No Violation in Beauboeuf Case

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Two police officers accused of attempting to bribe assassination probe figure Alvin R. Beauboeuf did not violate the police code of conduct or state law when they offered him money and a job for information on behalf of District Attorney Jim Garrison, a police department investigation has concluded.

Acting Supt. of Police Presly J. Trosclair Jr. announced at a press conference Wednesday afternoon that an intensive investigation concluded that the two, Lynn Loisel and Louis Ivon, "have not violated any rules of the code of conduct of the department of police." Both me are detailed to the district attorney's office as investigators.

In the latest probe development, Garrison's office obtained a subpena for a minister who resides in the home-town of accused conspirator Clay L. Shaw.

The subpena orders the Rev. Clyde Johnson, Kentwood, La., to appear in the district attor-

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ney's office at 10 a.m. Thursday.

APPEARANCE EXPECTED

However, a source in the office of Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. said the subpena would not be served Wednesday. He said Johnson was expected to appear Thursday. It is believed the subpena will be served then if necessary.

Burton Klein, an attorney for the 21-year-old Beauboeuf, lodged a complaint with the police department last month claiming that the two officers attempted to bribe his client and threatened him.

Trosclair said that after questioning as many persons as possible, including Beauboeuf's wife, the department could find no other evidence of intimidation attempts.

One reporter asked Trosclair if the police department concluded that the men are innocent of the bribery accusation in the eyes of the law.

The acting superintendent first noted that the officers had acknowledged offering money and a job with an airline to Beauboeuf.

NOT VIOLATION

He then noted that federal, state and city authorities reward informants financially, and added, "We do not interpret it as a vioaltion."

Trosclair also said he listened to a tape recording in the Metairie law offices of attorney Hugh B. Exnicios in which the officers discussed the matter with Beauboeuf.

Exnicios reportedly had such a recording which was the basis for a national magazine article blasting Garrison tactics.

Trosclair said that conversations on the tape showed that the officers offered to formalize the arangement for information in a contract.

"Does it stand to reason that if anyone was going to do anything illegal they would sign a contract?" Trosclair asked.

Klein challenged Trosclair to play the recording in public and let the public decide whether a felony was committed.

The attorney said it is "a sad commentary on modern day law enforcement officials when absolutely conclusive evidence

of felonies is pushed aside because of the power of a district attorney and the fear it places in public officials. It has now engulfed the police department.

"There is no doubt in my mind that more than one felony was committed by Garrison's staff . . . The action of Chief Trosclair acting under authority of the superintendent of police is a discredit to every man who wears a badge."

NO REASON GIVEN

James L. Alcock, the assistant district attorney who obtained the subpena of the Kentwood man, declined to discuss the reason for its issuance.

Kentwood is Shaw's birthplace. Garrison charged that Shaw conspired in New Orleans to kill President John F. Kennedy with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie. He has recently charged that Shaw also conspired with Jack Ruby, who killed Oswald and later died of cancer. Ferrie is also deceased.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, who is also a merchant in Kentwood, was an unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1963.

Two years ago he was arrested in Baton Rouge on charges of disturbing the peace and impersonating an officer.